(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action contemplated or proposed to contemplate thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) to (c) A proposal has been received from the Government of Andhra Pradesh for allowing Cable TV operators in the State to receive and distribute Ku-band signals through their networks for dissemination of high quality educational programmes to needy and isolated schools and colleges. The matter is under examination in the Ministry.

Functioning of FM Radio Stations in Karnataka

2109. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY. Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) how many FM radio stations are functioning in Karnataka;

(b)the places where these are fuctioning;

(c) how many FM relay centres are proposed to be upgraded; and

(d) whether any new FM radio stations would be set up in the State during 2003-04?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) and (b) Prasar Bharati has informed that twelve FM Stations as given in the Statement enclosed are functioning in the State of Karnataka. (See below)

(c) There is no proposal for upgradation of any existing FM centre in Karnataka during the 10th Five Year Plan.

(d) New 10 KW FM Stations have been proposed for Karnataka during the 10th Five Year Plan at Bellary, Sringeri & Gulbarga.

Statement

FM Stations Functioning in Karnataka

Sl.No.	Places
1.	Dharwad
2.	Mangalore
3.	Mysore
4.	Bangalore
5.	Hassan
6.	Chitradurg
7.	Hospet
8.	Raichur
9.	Mercara
10.	Karwar
11.	Bijapur
12.	Bellary (1KW FM Station as an interim set-up)

Reduction in Entertainment Tax

2110. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has requested all the States to reduce entertainment tax to the level of 45 per cent;

(b) the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of the entertainment tax collected by various States, State-wise; and

(d) whether Government are going to compensate the States, if they reduce their tax to 45 per cent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) to (d) 'Cinema' except 'certification of films' is a State subject. Entertainment